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**CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE EAGLE CREEK PARK ORNITHOLOGY CENTER!**

*Visit New Exhibit, Learning Center for Bird-Watching Experiences and Education*

INDIANAPOLIS – (Sept. 28, 2009) Learn everything you need to know about birds and bird-watching at the Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center on Wednesday as Indy Parks & Recreation and the Eagle Creek Park Foundation along with community leaders and funders celebrate its grand opening.

The center, located on the north end of the park's property along the Eagle Creek Parkway, features interactive kiosks, a simulated pond and nature room, a bird-watching room overlooking Eagle Creek Reservoir, and a multi-purpose classroom. The two-year project was built completely by Eagle Creek Park and Eagle Creek Park Foundation volunteers and local community groups under the instruction of Eagle Creek Park Naturalist Kevin Carlsen.

The Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center major donors are Amos W. Butler Audubon Society, The Eagle Creek Park Foundation, Indy Parks & Recreation, Nature Sanctuary and Center, Inc., Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, and Wild Birds Unlimited.

WHO: Eagle Creek Park Foundation President Michele Cloud, Office of Sustainability Director Kären Haley, Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry, Eagle Creek Park Naturalist Kevin Carlsen  
WHAT: Grand Opening of the Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center  
WHEN: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009  
WHERE: Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center  
6515 Delong Road

**About Indy Parks & Recreation**

The mission of Indy Parks & Recreation is to create fun, safe, engaging and sustainable parks that enhance the quality of life for individuals, neighborhoods and communities. Indy Parks will be a national model of excellence and destination for facilities and programs, protecting parks, greenways and open spaces and championing environmental initiatives. For more information, visit [www.indyparks.org](http://www.indyparks.org).

**About Eagle Creek Park Foundation**

The Eagle Creek Park Foundation provides volunteer and financial support to enhance, promote, preserve and protect Eagle Creek Park. For more information, visit [www.eaglecreekpark.org](http://www.eaglecreekpark.org)